

13 of the current application as well as optical selectors 7-8 as supported by the original disclosures at lines 20-23 of page 14.

Figure 7 is amended to show a second transponder 1-1 in dotted lines in order to be consistent with the drawing convention as used in Figure 6, wherein a component depicted in dotted lines means that the component is partially hidden. In addition, Figure 7 is also amended to show the connections between optical switch matrix 3-1 and the second transponder 1-1 in dotted lines. Figure 7 is further amended to correctly refer the the inner ring as a fiber ring circuit 1-15-1. This correction is supported by the original disclosures at lines 12-15 of page 15 of the current application. In Figure 7, a numeral "7-2" is assigned to the device to represent each node in the fiber ring 1-11 in order to be consistent with Figure 6. The above reference numeral assignment is supported by the original disclosure at lines 12-15 of page 15 and in original Figure 6. A reference numeral "7-8" is amended to correctly point to the optical selector as shown by an oval shape in Figure 7 in order to be consistent with Figure 6.

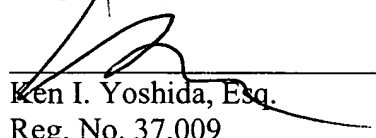
Both Figures 6 and 7 are further amended to be consistent with the changes discussed above and the common drawing conventions such as using dotted lines for hidden objects, and using dotted lines to point to an enlarged illustration.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. An early Office Action on merits is respectfully requested.

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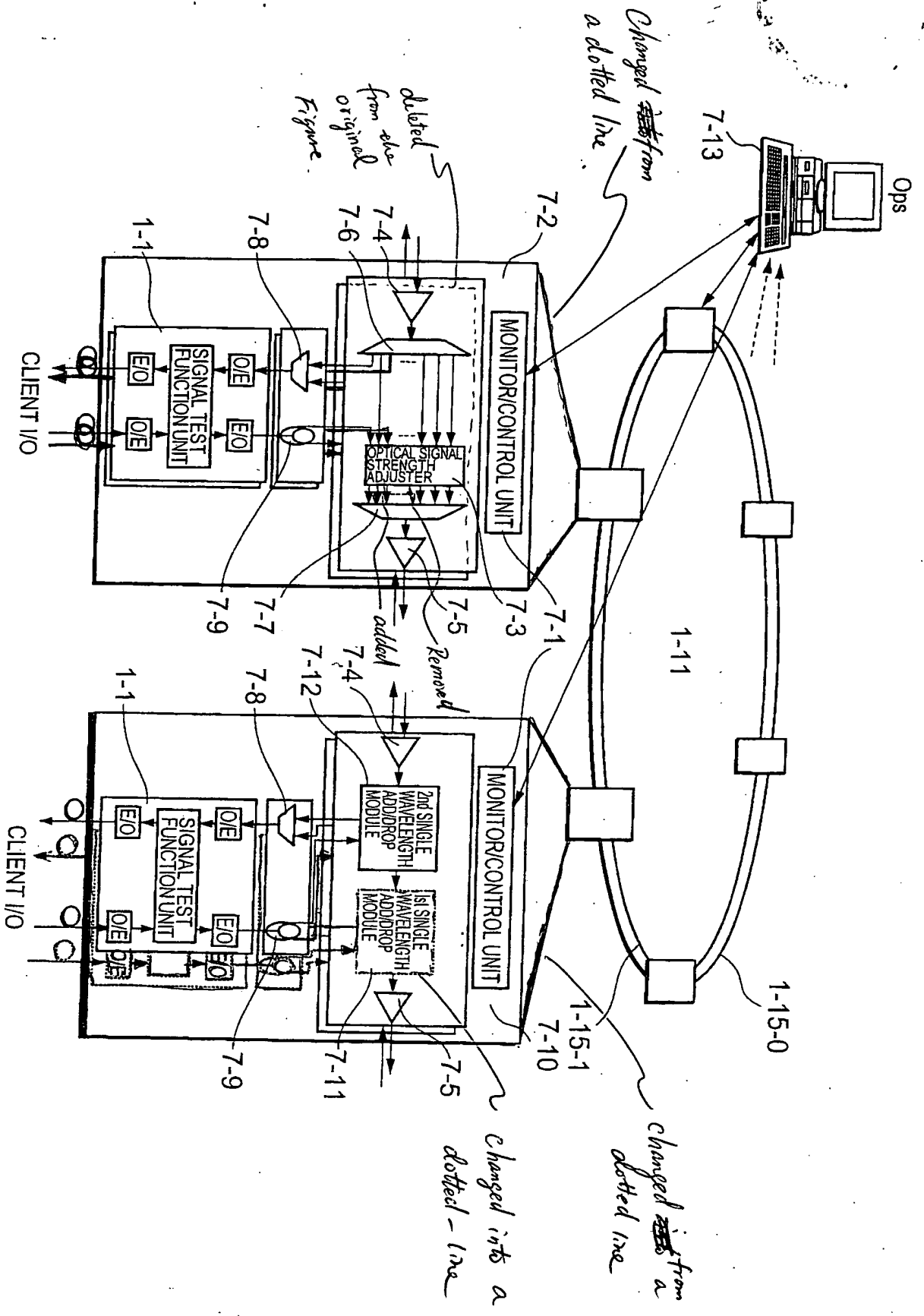


FIG.6

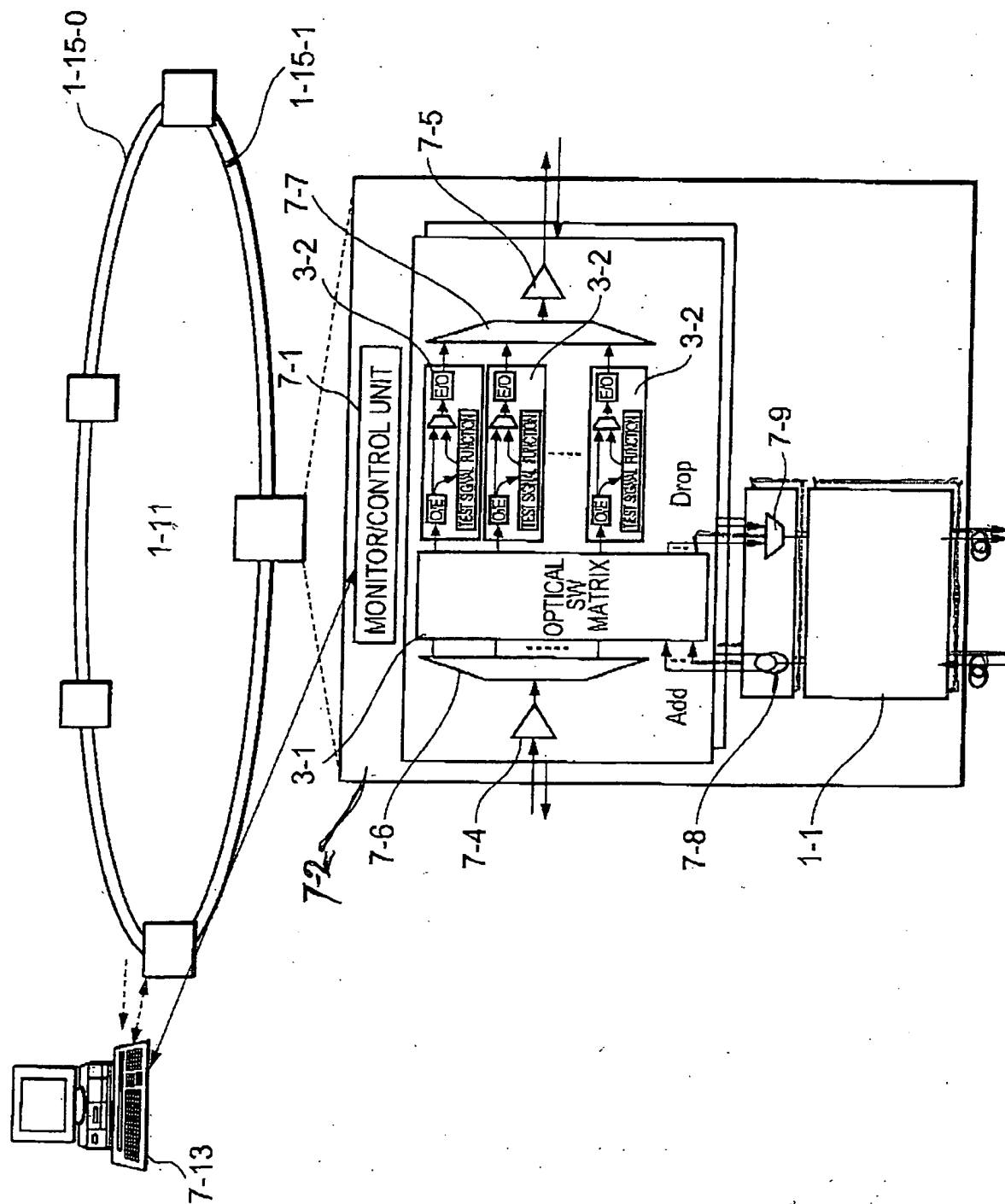


FIG. 7